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B.C.'s transportation minister says he's created a working group of police, ministry staff and safety officials to get a handle on excessive motorcycle noise. Story metroNEWS. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

MLA blasts gas royalty scheme

LNG

Minister alone has power to negotiate deals under new bill

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Legislation that allows the minister of natural gas to single-handedly negotiate royalties with producers is "troubling" for government transparency and the economy, according to Green MLA Andrew Weaver.

Bill 23, the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, passed third reading in the legislature Wednesday.

The bill contains an amendment to the Natural Gas Development Act would allow the minister — currently Rich Coleman — to negotiate royalty rates and sign long-term agreements with gas producers without the approval of the lieutenant-governor in council.

> **British Columbians should be outraged over this.**
> Green MLA Andrew Weaver

Details must be published publicly, except for "anything in the agreement that could be refused to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

At a time when Alberta just elected an NDP government promising to make that province's oil royalty regime more transparent and lucrative for citizens, Weaver said B.C. is veering into the opposite direction.

"The government is very desperate to provide certainty to the (liquefied natural gas) industry at all costs," said Weaver. "We need a much more transparent and open government than this."

Weaver said the legislation will allow government to negotiate LNG royalties at rates more favourable to investment-weary producers than to the public, and keep it secret.

The NDP opposition has also been critical of the amendments.

Coleman was not available for interview.

In a statement emailed to Metro, a Ministry of Natural Gas Development spokesperson wrote the proposed legislation will "increase certainty and stability for both the province and the producer."

"The province will only sign agreement that show economic promise," the statement reads.

Claims that the agreements won't be made public are "not true", the ministry says.

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Bid to demolish skate park not political: Chair

SKATEBOARDING

NPA says it gets several complaints about noise

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Non-Partisan Association chair of the Vancouver park board insists the proposal to demolish the Mount Pleasant skateboard park is not a political favour to the NPA member who lives across the street from the three-year-old skate spot.

"I absolutely, completely reject that," Commissioner John Coupar said Thursday in response to online suggestions that the NPA, which won a majority at the park board in last year's civic election, is considering tearing down the skate spot based on complaints from nearby resident and NPA election campaign organizer Doug Leung.

"Why would I do that? Why would anybody do that?" Coupar said, adding that people are "trying to cause a scandal" when Leung is just one of many neighbours with complaints about the skate spot. "This has been picked up on as if there's something going on here and there's not."

A skateboarder at Mount Pleasant Park. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The controversy stems from an April staff report that recommends different ways to address noise coming from the skateboard park. The option to demolish the skate spot took the skateboarding community by surprise and prompted a rally to save the park.

> **"I'm trying to ... work with neighbours and skateboarders. I wouldn't say that's scandalous — I'd say that's a reasonable step.**
> John Coupar

But Coupar noted the recommendation came from park board staff, not the NPA. Mount Pleasant is the only skate spot out of the city's nine skateboard parks that gets complaints — it received 15 in 2012, 16 in 2013 and four in 2014. Thousands of dollars have already been spent on a fence as park rangers try to resolve the issue, Coupar said.

"This is not a one-person issue as it's trying to be framed," Coupar said, noting he gets letters about the noise from multiple neighbours. (Metro has also spoken with frustrated neighbours who say they aren't affiliated with the NPA.)

He blamed Vision Vancouver for creating the problem by building the skate spot there in the first place, when skateboarding ranked dead last during a 2010 community consultation on desired uses for the park.

Last week, the park board sent the recommendations back to staff to look at more options, including a sound barrier. Delaying a decision also delays the building of a new, intermediate skate park at Jonathan Rogers Park, a proposal that is lumped in with the changes to the Mount Pleasant Park.

"I'm trying to postpone this to further monitor it and work with neighbours and skateboarders. I wouldn't say that's scandalous — I'd say that's a reasonable step," Coupar said. "We're trying to find a solution that works for everybody."

IN BRIEF

B.C. targets pharmacies with billing issues

The B.C. government is refusing to do business with pharmacies that have a history of billing issues and of improperly filing information into patients' records in PharmaNet, the prescription-tracking network.

The crackdown on about 46 pharmacies is part of new regulations requiring all pharmacies to re-enrol with PharmaCare by May 31 and disclose information on ownership and management.

Letters have been sent to the affected pharmacies, which are in the Vancouver area, to inform them that they have 21 days to let the government know why they should be re-enrolled.

If the government refuses to enrol a pharmacy, it will contact patients so they have time to transfer their prescriptions to other pharmacies.

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New measures to prevent spread of fish farm disease

The federal government has been ordered to shore up its regulations to ensure that diseases aren't transferred from fish farms to the ocean.

A Federal Court in Vancouver has struck down rules around the transfer of fish between aquaculture farms and has given the Department of Fisheries four months to fix the regulations.

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ROADS

Curling iron while driving a big no-no

Police are warning against the dangers of distracted driving after a woman was recently caught on camera using a curling iron while driving on a B.C. highway.

The video, filmed last Saturday evening on Highway 19 north of Nanaimo, appears to show a woman curling her hair and steering with her knees while driving at about 90 km/h.

As shocking as the footage may seem, Cpl. Ronda Rempel of B.C. RCMP Traffic Services said she wasn't surprised by the behaviour.

"Unfortunately she's not the only woman out there grooming on her way to work," said Rempel. "And we know a lot of men do it, too."

> **It is crazy. She's a nutcase.... She's just driving away, oblivious to someone else beside her.**
> Cpl. Norm Smith, Nanaimo RCMP

Despite a police crackdown on distracted driving in recent years, officers still see similar incidents, from drivers applying lipstick or eyeshadow to even reading a novel while also holding a cup of coffee, Rempel said.

The woman in the video has not been identified. If she were to be charged, however, Cpl. Norm Smith of Nanaimo RCMP said it would likely be for driving without due care and attention, which comes with a $368 fine and six penalty points.

The fact that the driver doesn't notice that a passenger in the vehicle beside her is filming her shows that she is clearly distracted, he said.

Smith urged anyone who recognizes the woman to contact Nanaimo RCMP. If anyone witnesses similar driving behaviour, he urged them to record the licence plate, vehicle model and driver description and report it to local police.

Distracted driving not only puts drivers in danger but also everyone else on the road, he said.

"Driving is difficult enough, and now we create little things to cause us to be distracted," he said. "Everything in today's world is busy, and we're always running late, it seems. But I'd rather her show up late than not show up at all."

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Grouse Grind to open for 2015 season

Get ready to grimace and groan while trudging up the North Shore's most popular natural staircase.

For all the keeners looking for a pre-office workout, the Grouse Grind is officially open for the 2015 season on Friday at 6:15 a.m.

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It takes most people between an hour and an hour and a half, but the course record belongs to Sebastian Salas with a time of 23 minutes and 48 seconds.

The trail was closed over the winter so Metro Vancouver could conduct extensive repairs.

Metro Vancouver complained that hikers who refused to obey the closure slowed down the improvements. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

A long search for a permanent home

INFRASTRUCTURE

Farmers' markets celebrate 20th anniversary

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

As the Vancouver Farmers Markets celebrates its 20th anniversary, organizers are hoping the milestone will serve as a call to action for the city to find them a permanent home.

Tara McDonald, executive director for the Vancouver Farmers Markets, said the lack of a permanent hub makes it difficult for the markets to continue to grow.

"I think it's one of the biggest secrets in Vancouver," she told Metro. "A lot of people assume that the farmers' markets are permanent and that they're run by the city, when in fact they are very temporary and run by a non-profit organization."

Since the first market in 1995, which saw about eight vendors and 500 shoppers in attendance, McDonald said the organization has "evolved by leaps and bounds."

It now operates nine weekly markets that see about 265 vendors and 425,000 shoppers per year. Seven operate in the summer while two operate in the winter, generating about $8.17 million in annual sales, a significant increase from the $40,000 in annual sales in 1995.

"This is what farmers' markets in Vancouver have been able to achieve just operating on parking lots with pop-up tents," McDonald said. "No water, no electricity, no storage, very little signage, and yet we have become an institution in Vancouver."

She said the organization hopes the city will eventually provide long-term permits and lease agreements. The need for a permanent hub and infrastructure is especially important considering the millions of dollars the farmers' markets inject into the local economy, she said.

Coun. Geoff Meggs said the city is searching for a permanent home for the farmers' markets but is having difficulty finding a suitable location.

"We've been working hard to try to support the markets in any way we can," he said. "There's no risk to the security of them, but making sure that they can put down roots for once and for all is a bigger question."

Tara McDonald, executive director of the Vancouver Farmers Markets, visits the Sole Foods Street Farms stall at the Yaletown Farmers Market on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

FOOD AND FUN

This summer at the market

1 Spirits galore:
This summer marks the first year the Vancouver Farmers Markets are permitted to sell beer, wine and spirits.

Although the Yaletown, Trout Lake and Kitsilano farmers' markets are the only ones currently offering these products, McDonald said the organization hopes to offer liquor at the rest of the markets following feedback from a city-held public consultation at the end of May.

2 Get your fish here:
For the first time, customers will be able to buy fresh fish and seafood at this year's Vancouver Farmers Markets.

3 Don't forget fruits and veggies:
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HOUSING

Rent bank stopped 126 evictions: City report

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A small fund to help pay the rent for tenants in extreme financial crises saved 126 households from eviction in the past two-and-a-half years, according to a City of Vancouver report.

Council will vote next week whether to continue funding the rent bank, a pilot project launched in 2012 that provides small loans to low-income renters who live paycheque to paycheque and face homelessness if any unexpected expenses crop up.

The city wants to fund the bank with $99,200 over the next two years. (To put it in perspective, the city just spent $200,000 on building a new recording studio.)

"In a city where 52 per cent of households rent their homes, far too many families know what it's like to face an unexpected crisis and stay afloat in paying the rent," Mayor Gregor Robertson said in an emailed statement.

> **It's a program that prevents homelessness.**
> Mayor Gregor Robertson

"It's a program that prevents homelessness and provides housing stability for families in need, and I look forward to supporting it again next week at city council."

Since 2012, the rent bank approved 264 loans to 413 people, including 91 children. The loans are so small that people typically couldn't get them at banks, especially considering their financial situation.

Streetohome Foundation, Vancity, the Network of Inner City Community Services and the Canadian Women's Foundation are partners in this initiative, with Streetohome making the biggest initial investment.

A motorcyclist rides near Crab Park on Thursday.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Province to tackle noise complaints

MOTORCYCLES

B.C. working group to address issue

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

There's nothing like the sound of thunderous motorcycles ripping through West End residential streets to shatter the serenity of a pleasant evening.

And now that the sun is out, temperatures are on the rise and bikers are dusting off their iron horses for the summer, the provincial government is taking a hard look at long-standing noise complaints from residents, politicians and police.

When pressed on the issue by NDP West End MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert late last month, Transportation Minister Todd Stone said that he's created a working group — made up of police chiefs, ministry staff and officials from Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement — to get a handle on excessive motorcycle noise.

"I, as well, have received a number of concerns from residents in my constituency in Kamloops relating to motorcycle noise, so it is a problem that we're aware of. It is not specific to the West End or any other particular community," Stone said on April 23. "It certainly is my intent by this fall to have a set of recommendations."

Chandra Herbert told Metro it was the first time he's heard the government acknowledge the difficulty police and municipalities face trying to keep excessive motorcycle noise under control without testing, regulatory and enforcement standards.

"I've been riding the ministry on this for years," he said. "There is no evidence loud pipes does anything for safety, it just pisses people off. I've had constituents tell me they can't hear the TV or sleep peacefully."

In Vancouver, motorcycles are restricted to exhaust sounds of 92 decibels, but Chandra Herbert said the lack of standardized testing means violation tickets often don't hold up in court.

Many bikes that exceed noise limits have aftermarket exhausts installed to make them louder, Chandra Herbert said.

Vancouver police don't have statistics on how many motorcycles have been ticketed for excessive noise but confirmed in a statement the department does receive many noise complaints.

IN BRIEF

Investigation open on dragging, driving incident

New Westminster police are investigating a report of a woman being violently dragged into a vehicle Wednesday.

A South Asian woman with long, black hair was seen jumping out of the passenger side of a white vehicle as it drove down Columbia.

The witness said the driver of the car parked, ran after the woman and pulled her back into the car by her hair. The driver is described as a white, six-foot-tall man in his 40s. He was bald and had a heavy build.

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Crown wants 3-year sentence for Mountie

When Zofia Cisowski immigrated to Canada she saw the RCMP as the symbol of democracy and trust, but that was destroyed in the years since officers jolted her son with a Taser, a court heard.

"My faith in the honesty of the RCMP has forever been shaken," said the mother's letter read at the sentencing of RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington on Thursday.

Millington was convicted of perjury for lying during a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death at Vancouver's airport in October 2007.

But B.C. Supreme Court Justice William Ehrcke rejected the argument that Cisowski didn't qualify as a victim because Millington's crime was against the "administration of justice."

"It is difficult to put into a few or any words how the perjury of Mr. Millington has impacted to me," Ehrcke read from Cisowski's writing.

Crown lawyer Scott Fenton told the hearing that the disgraced Mountie convicted of lying about the high-profile death of Dziekanski should spend up to three years in prison.

> **My faith in the honesty of the RCMP has forever been shaken.**
> Zofia Cisowski

Fenton said Millington's punishment should take into account the seriousness of his offence, that his testimony was vital to the inquiry and that his perjury was planned, deliberate and sustained.

"Perjury is something that strikes at the heart or the core of the administration of justice," Fenton said. "Perjury committed by a police officer is even more serious." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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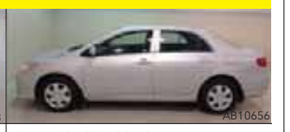
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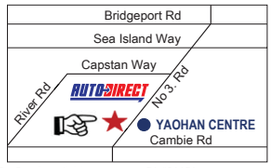

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C-sections safer for some births

RESEARCH

A B.C. study says surgery better for breech babies

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A new study led by B.C. researchers suggests that, for babies in the breech position, planned Cesarean sections may be the best option.

The study, published in the May issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology, found that breech babies that are delivered vaginally were more likely to be injured during childbirth compared to both planned and unplanned C-sections.

Breech is the term used to describe a baby that enters the birth canal with feet or buttocks first, rather than head first.

Lead author Dr. Janet Lyons, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of B.C., said she was surprised to find there was a high risk of injury even for infants delivered by C-section in labour.

"I thought that was interesting," Lyons told Metro. "That would imply that there's risk just with labouring with a breech baby."

Researchers looked at 52,671 breech deliveries in hospitals across Canada, except Quebec, and found that about 88 per cent of the breech babies were delivered by planned C-section.

Comparing those babies, breech babies delivered by C-section in labour had 2.79 times the rate of injury, while those delivered vaginally had 3.6 times the rate of injury.

The researchers also found that vaginal deliveries of babies in the breech position increased from 2.7 per cent in 2003 to 3.9 percent in 2011.

Lyons said the study's findings highlight the need for health-care providers to ensure women are aware of the risks of vaginal delivery of breech babies.

She said some breech babies should not be delivered vaginally in any case, including those with feet first, infants that weigh less than 2.5 kilograms or more than four kilograms, and those with birth anomalies like hydrocephalus.

If women still want to pursue a vaginal delivery, she said it's important to ensure their physician is comfortable performing a breech delivery.

Since 2000, C-sections have been the preferred method of delivery for breech babies, which she said has resulted in a shortage of physicians that are comfortable performing the difficult deliveries.

"There's always going to be women who want to pursue vaginal birth with a baby in the breech position," she said. "So we just need to make sure that they're fully informed."

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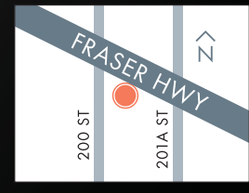

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'Guantanamo's Child' released after more than a decade

After spending more than a decade in prison, Omar Khadr says he'll show Canadians — and Prime Minister Stephen Harper — that he's worthy of their trust.

Speaking publicly for the first time since his release on bail, the former Guantanamo Bay inmate thanked Canadians on Thursday for giving him a chance.

"I will prove to them that I'm more than what they thought of me, I'll prove to them that I'm a good person," he said outside his lawyer's home.

"Give me a chance, see who I am as a person not as a name, and then they can make their own judgment after that."

With a few words, an Alberta justice on Thursday paved the way for Khadr to get his first taste of freedom in almost 13 years.

Appeal Court Justice Myra Bielby rejected the government's last-ditch attempt to block his bail. The government, she said, had failed to prove his release would cause serious harm to Canadian interests or pose a risk to the public.

"Mr. Khadr, you're free to go," Bielby said Thursday.

Khadr's longtime lawyer Dennis Edney walked over to his client and whispered, "We done it." Edney's wife, Patricia sobbed uncontrollably for a few minutes, then hugged and kissed her husband.

Outside court, an emotional Edney said the day had been a long time coming as he talked about his client's ordeal since the Americans captured him grievously wounded in Afghanistan in July 2002, when he was 15 years old.

Khadr's bail comes with conditions

Omar Khadr has been released on $5,000 bail while he appeals his war crimes convictions in the United States.

His bail conditions include:

- Must wear an electronic monitoring device.
- Must live with his lawyer Dennis Edney.
- Must observe a nightly curfew from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Cannot leave Alberta without prior approval, except to visit Edneys' vacation home in B.C.
- May only contact his family by telephone or video under the Edneys' supervision, and chat must be in English.
- May only have in-person visits with his family with prior approval from a bail supervisor.
- Any Internet access will be restricted and must be monitored and supervised.

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Omar Khadr, right, walks out of court Thursday with his lawyer Dennis Edney in Edmonton. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **We left a Canadian child in Guantanamo Bay to suffer torture (and) we Canada participated in this torture. So today's a wonderful day for justice.**
>
> Dennis Edney, Omar Khadr's longtime lawyer

The government, which has consistently branded Khadr an unrepentant terrorist and said it would fight his release every step of the way, expressed disappointment at the latest turn of events.

As paperwork was prepared for Khadr's release, which comes with a list of restrictions including wearing a tracking bracelet and a curfew, an emotional Edney stepped outside to denounce a federal government under Prime Minister Stephen Harper for showing no mercy.

Edney's co-counsel, Nate Whitling, tweeted a picture of the two leaving the courthouse Thursday.

Khadr pleaded guilty in October 2010 before a widely discredited military commission to five war crimes — including murder in the death of a U.S. special forces soldier. In exchange, the commission handed him a further eight-year sentence.

Dubbed "Guantanamo's Child," he was the youngest inmate and lone westerner left in the naval prison at the time. He remains the only person convicted of murder for the battlefield death of an American soldier in Afghanistan.

Khadr returned to Canada from Guantanamo Bay in 2012 under an international transfer treaty, and later said he had only pleaded guilty to get out of the notorious prison.

Last month, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross granted his bid for bail while he appeals his war-crimes conviction, but the Canadian government made a last-ditch attempt to have the ruling stayed.

Bielby, after thinking about it for two days, would have none of it. Any risks to Canadian interests were largely speculative and at best minor, she said.

Following his transfer to Canada, Khadr was housed in a maximum security institution in Ontario, before being transferred to Edmonton, and then to Bowden Institution near Innisfail, Alta., where he was recently classified as a minimum security prisoner.

Khadr's legal odyssey is far from over.

His $20-million civil lawsuit that claims the government conspired with the Americans to torture him and breach his rights is still ongoing, while Ottawa's challenge of his youth status reaches the Supreme Court of Canada next week.

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COMMUNITY

Support for Khadr strong

For the last 12 years, in between interrogation sessions and working in prison factories, Omar Khadr has been trying to learn beyond his Grade 8 education.

Khadr, now 28, has always known the day would come when he would finally leave prison and have to adjust to everyday life.

While governments, circumstance and his parents, each in their own way, have failed Khadr, strangers have stepped into the void to help educate him.

Nine Alberta university professors, most of them from The King's University in suburban Edmonton, have spent years visiting Khadr in prison, and tutoring him. Since Khadr was transferred to Alberta in May 2013, the professors have worked with him at least once a week.

There are also those who offered Khadr a schooling of another kind — not in books but in the benefits of socializing and shooting the breeze. These socially adept university students and recent graduates wrote him letters and visited him in prison.

Seven women from various countries have even started the online campaign Free Omar Khadr Now. University of Alberta graduate Muna Abougoush is one of them. She began the website six years ago to keep Khadr's name circulating.

"Omar has such a support community," says Abougoush. This past Christmas, Khadr received 500 letters from supporters — some as far away as China. And he tries to answer them all.

Khadr's supporters come from different faiths and cultures. They have all become his safety net, supporting his lawyer Dennis Edney and his wife Patricia. The Edneys are taking Khadr into their home after his release.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Rule change allows for lots of spending in byelections

Federal parties and their candidates will be eligible to spend millions of taxpayer-subsidized dollars to contest three federal byelections, thanks to rule changes enacted last year in the government's controversial Fair Elections Act.

The rule change allows individual candidates — and national parties — to inflate their spending cap by a pro-rated amount whenever a campaign extends beyond the 37-day minimum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Travel restrictions questioned at Duffy trial

There's a two-step dance that parliamentarians learn so they can piggyback political events onto taxpayer-paid trips — were Sen. Mike Duffy's waltzes across the country at the behest of his colleagues any different? That's one of the questions crystallizing now that Duffy's trial has begun to hear from his former Conservative caucus mates.

The Crown says Duffy was attending political events, and not dealing with Senate business.

Duffy appears to have a two-track defence. He argues the Senate never explicitly prohibited travel to political events in its rules and that he was, in fact, doing official business while on these trips.

British Columbia Conservative MP Ron Cannan, who testified at the trial, explained a scenario Thursday when talking to reporters outside the courtroom.

"I was in city council for nine years, and we had a really good senator, Liberal senator Ross Fitzpatrick, and he used to bring senators in, they might meet with mayor and council for an hour and whatever they did afterwards, if they went to his winery and toured and played golf, they could incorporate that," Cannan said.

MEETINGS

A former Conservative colleague of Duffy's, who asked to remain anonymous, said it's common practice for parliamentarians to organize an official meeting with someone in order to help pay for a trip of personal or party interest.

In Cannan's case, he heard that Duffy was going to speak in a neighbouring riding, and asked if the senator could add another Conservative mingle in June 2009. Duffy was on a swing through the province and the Yukon, attending Conservative events with other MPs and senators.

Duffy's daily calendars show a sprinkling of non-partisan events, including a speech to the Fraser Institute entitled: Are the Conservatives being Conservative?, and meeting with local mayors in Duncan's riding.

What is clear, however, is that Duffy was a big draw among Conservatives who wanted to raise money or just interest among local supporters.

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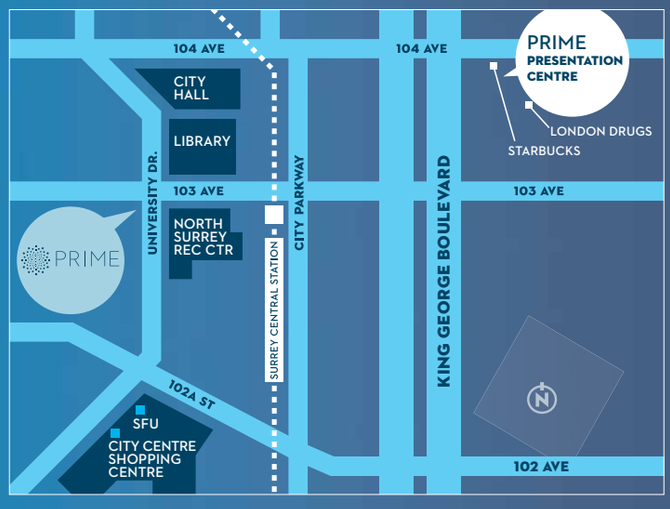

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PARIS

UN slowed abuse claim: Prosecutor

The "UN hierarchy" rejected French efforts to hear from the author of a UN report alleging that French soldiers sexually abused four children in the Central African Republic, the Paris prosecutor's office said Thursday.

The revelation accompanied word that French authorities had opened a formal judicial inquiry into the case that the Paris prosecutors' office knew about in July, but was made public only last week following a report in the British newspaper the Guardian. Independent judges will now take over the case from the prosecutor's office, an acknowledgment of the seriousness and complexity of the accusations that have sparked international dismay and led to the suspension of a UN official who leaked the abuse claims.

The prosecutor's office said UN officials twice rejected French efforts to speak with the report's author, though she was willing to talk with them in Paris. The report's author said she spoke with six children, four who said they were abused and two others who said they witnessed the abuse.

"The UN hierarchy refused this questioning, however, indicating that the functionary benefited from immunity that had to be lifted before any questioning," the prosecutor's office said in a statement. The report's author was not identified.

The statement also cited a total of more than six months of delays in French investigators' efforts to get answers from her, which finally resulted in written responses received on April 29 and in turn led to the probe announced Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIGRANT CRISIS

Italian navy finds capsized ship

Italian navy ships on Thursday located what is believed to be the fishing boat that capsized April 18 with an estimated 800 migrants aboard, a tragedy that spurred Italy and Europe into a new round of soul-searching over how to cope with the record waves of migrants coming ashore from Libya.

Using sonar and a submarine, the navy said Thursday it had located a blue, 25-metre vessel matching the description of the doomed boat about 135 kilometres northeast of the Libyan coast. It was resting on the seabed at a depth of around 375 metres, a statement said.

A navy official said the boat could be raised at such depths, but that any decision to do so rested with Sicilian prosecutors who are conducting the criminal investigation into the deaths and requested the navy try to locate the wreck.

Survivors reported that up to 800 people were locked into two levels of the hold by the smugglers. The boat capsized when its captain mistakenly rammed it into the freighter that had come to its rescue. It was further destabilized when the migrants on deck then rushed to one side hoping to get off first. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Six-year-old girl dies after sailboat sinks in Atlantic

A 6-year-old French girl who braved hours in the ocean with her father amid 10-metre waves after a yacht sank in the mid-Atlantic later died of hypothermia, Portuguese authorities said Thursday. A French sailboat carrying a French couple and their two children sank after midnight, Portuguese navy spokesman Paulo Vicente said. The mother and 9-year-old son climbed into the yacht's lifeboat and were picked up by a merchant ship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S., Saudi Arabia call for 5-day cease-fire in Yemen

Saudi Arabia and the United States on Thursday announced a five-day, renewable cease-fire in Yemen's war to allow aid to reach millions of civilians caught in a humanitarian crisis from the conflict. But the truce is dependent on Iran-backed rebels and their allies also agreeing to stop fighting, they said. The announcement came as battles raged in several parts of Yemen between forces loyal to the nation's internationally recognized president and the Shiite rebels and their allies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. Labour Party Parliamentary candidate for Aberavon, Stephen Kinnock stands with his wife, Prime Minister of Denmark Helle Thorning-Schmidt during the counting in Britain's election at Neath Sports Centre in Neath, Wales Thursday. British voters streamed to schools, churches and pubs Thursday for a say in their country's future, voting for lawmakers in an election expected to produce no clear victor and lead to days of frantic haggling for power. JOE GIDDENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exit poll sees strong showing for Tories

U.K. ELECTION

About 50M registered to vote

British voters streamed to schools, churches and pubs Thursday for a say in their country's future, voting for lawmakers in an election expected to produce no clear victor and lead to days of frantic haggling for power.

Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party fared much better than expected, an exit poll projected, suggesting it is within touching distance of forming a new government.

The opposition Labour Party of Ed Miliband took a beating, according to the poll, much of it due to the rise of the separatist Scottish National Party.

Cameron's coalition partner, the Liberal Democrat Party, was expected to lose most of its seats.

If no party wins outright, it may take days or weeks of negotiation to forge a workable government.

The carefully stage-managed campaign lacked impromptu drama. But television debate appearances in which the public put questions directly to the politicians made plain that many distrust promises to safeguard the economy, protect the National Health Service from severe cutbacks and control the number of migrants from the European Union.

Voters were making their voices heard all across this island nation of 64 million people. And signs of the unfolding political drama were abounded. The squares opposite Parliament were packed with temporary outdoor television studios, while commuters picked up newspapers urging voters to the polls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The exit poll's prediction of 316 Conservative seats — up from 302 and far more than predicted — was proving accurate as the results came in. The numbers for Labour placed them in second. The Liberal Democrats were rapidly losing seats, and coalition government ministers, but the Scottish nationalists were on track to win almost all of Scotland's 59 seats.

FRANCE

Phone-tapping of Sarkozy was legal: Court

The Paris appeals court ruled Thursday that investigating judges didn't break any laws when they tapped conversations between former President Nicolas Sarkozy and his lawyer, in connection with a probe into past campaign financing.

The decision Thursday is a new blow to the conservative opposition leader as he eyes a 2017 presidential bid, because it allows investigations to resume.

Sarkozy is under preliminary charges for active corruption and influence-peddling based on information gleaned from the phone taps. It's among several legal cases he has faced since losing the presidency to Francois Hollande in 2012 — but it's the case that has the greatest chances of seeing Sarkozy sent to trial.

Sarkozy and his lawyer Thierry Herzog had protested the phone taps, saying they breached lawyer-client privilege and that the investigating judges didn't get proper authorization.

But the appeals court ruled in favour of investigators, according to Herzog's lawyer, Paul-Albert Iweins. The court found that wiretapping on different phone lines used by Sarkozy under his own name and under the false identity of "Paul Bismuth" had been legally carried out, except for one minor phone line.

Lawyers said Sarkozy and Herzog would appeal to France's top court, the Cour de Cassation. "The fight for the confidentiality of communications between a lawyer and client is not just Thierry Herzog's fight, it is the fight of all lawyers," Iweins said.

Investigators tapped the phones in 2013-2014 as part of a probe into illegal financing of Sarkozy's 2007 presidential campaign. By chance, they discovered an alleged influence-peddling plot by Sarkozy and Herzog as they tried to obtain confidential information about the financing probe.

That discovery prompted a new, separate investigation. The ruling Thursday means that investigation can now resume after a seven-month suspension. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Facebook exec faces new work-life crisis over death

CAREERS

Loss of partner raises question of how soon to return to work

What happened to Sheryl Sandberg could happen to anyone: the woman who wrote the book on balancing career and family will have to figure out how soon she will return to her high-profile job following the unexpected death of her husband.

In the book Lean In, the Facebook chief operating officer wrote that marriage is "the biggest career decision" a person can make and implored women who want to move up the corporate ladder to settle with someone who wants to do his share in the home.

Now, Sandberg faces the prospect of raising two young children and continuing in a high-flying tech career without David Goldberg, her husband of 11 years who she often credits with providing the support that was necessary for her to succeed both personally and professionally.

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg with her late husband, David Goldberg, in this 2011 photo. Goldberg died while exercising at a Mexican vacation resort on Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"Dave was my rock," Sandberg wrote in a Facebook tribute Tuesday after the funeral of David Goldberg, who died in a treadmill accident while vacationing in Mexico.

Sandberg has not made public her plans on returning to Facebook, but the decision she faces highlights a question that the average worker is not prepared to consider until a similar tragedy strikes: how soon is too soon to return to work after losing a partner, parent or child?

For those who can, experts recommend taking time off.

Karissa Thacker, a workplace psychologist who has consulted for companies such as Ford, UPS and Best Buy, said she thinks Sandberg will "certainly Lean In" and negotiate how much time she needs for herself during this difficult time. As the No. 2 executive at Facebook (one of the Top 20 best places to work in 2015, according to Glassdoor), she is in a position to do so. But other workers in less high-profile jobs may also be afforded more time.

Many workers find it difficult to jump back into the demands of their daily workload once they're back at the office. Experts suggest a slow return to work, even going part-time for a while, if possible. And they say everyone from the employers to the workers themselves should be flexible.

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MCDONALD'S

Kale salad on menu in Canada

Canadian McDonald's outlets are now serving up new salads featuring an unexpected ingredient from the struggling fast-food giant: kale.

The world's biggest burger chain, in a battle to reinvent itself, introduced three salads in Canada on Thursday with trendy kale as an ingredient.

The nutrient-rich green has seen a surge in popularity in recent years as health-conscious consumers have eaten leafy kale in salads, smoothies and even baked as chips.

Chris Foong, an analyst with research firm Datassential, said in an email that the number of dining establishments in Canada with kale on the menu increased more than six-fold between 2010 and 2014, to nine per cent of all restaurants across the country.

The vegetable is even referenced in Beyoncé's music video for last year's 7/11 single, in which the singer wears a sweater emblazoned with the word "Kale."

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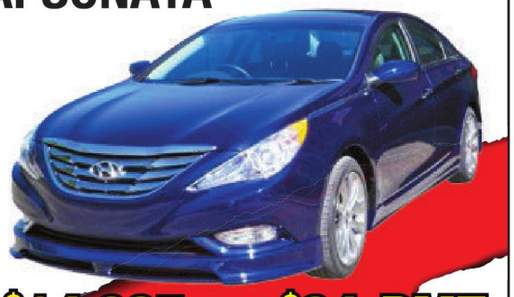

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Happy face/Sad face

From **patient protests** to **vivacious veterans**, Metro weighs in on the newsmaking headlines

Noises cause more than feline fright

A study in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery found certain sounds — especially crinkling tinfoil, but also jangling keys or the clink of a spoon — can cause seizures in elderly cats. The researchers suggested cats are hypersensitive to sounds in the same pitch as a rodent's squeal — though even some deaf cats have been reported to suffer from this strange syndrome.

BBC.COM

Peeved patient asks to be paid for wait

Time is money, and Leslie Ellins wants a refund for hers. She wrote a letter to a Peterborough, Ont. hospital demanding to be reimbursed after waiting an hour and a half for an injection. She enclosed a bill for $122.50 for her time. Ellins was irate that four patients were scheduled at the same time and said it was the last straw when the doctor and staff had the gall to take a lunch break while she waited.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veteran wages war on would-be attacker

A robber got more than he bargained for when he attacked 95-year-old Second World War veteran Arthur Kamberis in New Hampshire. Kamberis was leaving a pharmacy when a man approached and reached for his wallet. Kamberis gave the man several firm whacks with his cane before a passer-by came to his aid. The attacker fled. Kamberis wasn't hurt, and the Good Samaritan drove him home. Police are still searching for a suspect.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teen brings some sass to sex ed

The Internet was treated to some of the cheekiest answers ever on a sex-education quiz this week after a post on the photo-sharing site Imgur went viral. On the test, then-14-year-old Montrealer Mariah Fridman was asked to describe how to deal with a partner's objections to condoms. For "I don't have a condom with me," she suggested the comeback, "I don't have my vagina with me." For "Just this once; we hardly ever have sex," she quipped, "Now you know why."

BUZZFEED.COM

Avoiding touchy topics won't make them go away

THE KOHLER REPORT
Rebecca Kohler

Thousands of students across Ontario missed out on school this week when their parents kept them home in protest of the province's new sex-ed curriculum. The updated lesson plans touch on things (no pun intended) like gender identity, anal sex and the potential dangers of sexting. While these topics are new territory for some people, what got me giggling was certain parents' concerns over the fact that masturbation would be discussed with Grade 6 students.

In fact, there was a rumour circulating that teachers were actually going to demonstrate how to masturbate. I found this idea amusing, and then, as I started picturing some of my elementary-school teachers giving such a lesson, disturbing. Would they do it casually while leaning on their desk? Bring in a trundle bed for the occasion? I thought of one of my French teachers — I'll call her Madame LaTulipe — who was missing half of one finger. And then I realized I don't know how to say "masturbate" in French, despite having been in French immersion. (They seriously don't know how to teach French in this country.)

Later, I remembered how when I was a kid I didn't hold my pencil properly, and my teacher put a plastic triangle on it to correct my finger positioning. Would there be a plastic triangle for the kids who didn't masturbate properly? A penis triangle?

Weird imaginings aside, I do think it's important to talk about masturbation in school just in case kids feel weird about it, or if for some inexplicable reason they haven't yet discovered the best app the body has to offer.

And that's what a lot of the concerned parents are wary of: that the new curriculum will sexualize their children. But that's based on an age-old misconception. The truth is, children sexualize themselves — I mean, all the school supplies needed for this subject can be found in their pants.

Meanwhile, a Texas high school is in the news this week because it has been hit with a chlamydia outbreak, and guess what the school's sex-ed program teaches? Abstinence. They don't teach, "How to have sex and catch chlamydia." They teach nothing.

Perhaps parents should be more upset that, while there's so much to learn, schools are wasting precious time teaching kids something they already know. (Why not a lesson in, "How to breathe through your nose and/or mouth"?) But no — they kept their children home for fear their little innocents would go to school and learn how to masturbate.

I wonder how those kids passed the time all alone in their rooms.

The truth is, children sexualize themselves. All the school supplies for this subject are found in their pants.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Finding joy in every day: My mother's love is in the details

It's the week before Mother's Day, and I get a parcel in the mail.

I don't have kids.

I have a mum to whom Canada Post owes heartfelt gratitude for the money she continues to spend on postage. A mum with a talent for what I call "small-ities" — tiny gestures, short notes, little kindnesses.

This time the parcel consists of a hand-me-down book of poetry, a clipping from the Victoria Times-Colonist newspaper and a postcard bearing the image of an elephant, dressed as a scientist, gawking at the explosion he's just created.

"There's bound to be the odd explosion," mum writes in her larger, rounded script, responding to a recent conversation where I had some complaining to do about life.

Many people live in the anticipation, or the wake, of these explosions. Some, like my mum, live more in the joyous details of a day, and they make things nicer for the rest of us.

Each time she sends me mail — at least a monthly occurrence — I feel surprised, loved, comforted and guilty.

It's not just that I send comparatively few sweet notes and, in this case, have as yet put nothing in the mail for Mother's Day. It's that I'll never be as thoughtful as she is.

For every person she knows tangentially who has a new baby, there is a book. For every friend she walks dogs with, a birthday jar of jam. In the spring, she always left potted hyacinths in our bedrooms, and their perfume reminds me of the way she eschewed fancy pots and placed the plants, instead, on a random saucer.

Her gestures aren't expensive. They often come in reused wrapping paper. Sometimes she finds them washed up on the beach. They might be a batch of "everything cookies" —made of coconut, chocolate chips, raisins and oats.

If she had to make an effort to be this way, it would be exhausting. But this is no practice of mindfulness. No trick from a self-help book. She is like the little songbirds she loves so much, who go about eating seeds and darting between trees without over-thinking it.

The other morning, she was distracted while playing tennis by a large heron flying into a nearby tree to wrestle away dead branches for his nest.

"He must have been a good 20 or 30 minutes, the poor bird, trying to get twigs," she said.

Every time I manage to hear a bird chirp above the nattering in my own head, I'm reminded of her. Sometimes I even try to be more grateful for — and attentive to — the small kindnesses of life.

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Girls just wanna have fun, too

ANALYSIS

Hollywood has been slow to make female bonding fodder for comedy

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

This weekend Reese Witherspoon and Sofia Vergara play a by-the-book cop and the widow of a drug boss in the comedy Hot Pursuit. The unlikely duo hit the road, teaming up to outrun crooked cops and a murderous cartel. "Right now we can't trust anyone but each other," says Reese as they crack wise and dodge bullets.

It's a movie that follows in the long tradition of Hollywood buddy comedies.

There's an argument to be made that Abbott and Costello or Laurel and Hardy originated buddy comedies long before Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis donned dresses and camped it up in 1959's Some Like It Hot.

For my money, however, the Billy Wilder film about two musicians who witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and flee the state disguised as women set the template for the modern buddy movie.

The basic formula is there — colliding personalities, gibes and comic conflict between the two actors — but more important than any of that is the chemistry between Lemmon and Curtis. Even though every buddy picture relies on tension between the leads, sparks also have to fly between them or the whole thing will fall flat.

Brett Ratner, director of Rush Hour 1, 2 and 3 — which paired Owen Wilson and Jackie Chan to great effect — calls interesting chemistry between actors "an explosion in a bottle" and says it's crucial to the success of any buddy pic.

Since Some Like It Hot, producers have paired up a laundry list of actors searching for the perfect mix. Lemmon and Walter Matthau were the journeymen of the genre, co-starring in six buddy pictures ranging from the sublime — The Odd Couple, which features the classic buddy picture one-liner, "I'm a neurotic nut, but you're crazy," — to the ridiculous — Grumpier Old Men.

The female buddy comedy is a more elusive beast. Recently Melissa McCarthy and Sandra Bullock teamed as a tough-talking street cop and uptight, lone wolf FBI agent to bring down a murderous drug dealer in The Heat. And in the 1980s, Bette Midler was the Queen of the form, pairing off with Shelley Long for Outrageous Fortune and with Lily Tomlin for Big Business in which both stars played dual roles, making it a buddy comedy times two. "Two's company. Four's a riot," read the movie tagline.

There are others, dating back to 1937's Stage Door, but there is no debating that Hollywood has been slow to feature female bonding as a subject of buddy movies. It's wild that there are two man-and-his-dog buddy movies — Turner and Hooch and K9 — but so few featuring women. Despite the box office success of several female buddy comedies, sequels have been as rare as hen's teeth. For instance, Vulture.com points out that of the duelling buddy comedies released on April 25, 2008 — Tina Fey and Amy Poehler's Baby Mama and Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay — Fey and company grossed $60 million, while Harold and friends made $38 million and yet the guys laughed all the way to another sequel while Baby Mama remains a one-off.

Hollywood is finally warming to the idea of female-driven comedies, so perhaps this weekend Witherspoon and the highest paid woman on television can generate enough dough to warrant another team-up.

In the movie biz, money usually speaks louder than anything, including gender.

DAMES ON DUTY
Turn the page to see how Metro would recast classic cop movies with female leads

Sofia Vergara and Reese Witherspoon star in Hot Pursuit, a female buddy comedy that opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

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Buddy cop classics recast with women

Chris Alexander
Metro | Canada

The science of the "buddy cop" movie formula is simple: Take a pair of mismatched lawmen (or a cop and a civilian roped into the action), make one the loose cannon, the other uptight and watch the ensuing fun.

The latest buddy cop flick to hit screens is the Reese Witherspoon/Sofia Vergara vehicle Hot Pursuit, and what makes it unusual is its gender-specific casting. But as 2013's comedy-action hit The Heat proved, the ladies can bumble around a crime scene with equally predictable, but nevertheless entertaining, results. So while we wait for the verdict on Hot Pursuit, Metro daydreamed about what it would be like if we could recast our favourite male-centric buddy cop flicks … with chicks.

Starsky & Hutch

A revival of the 1970s cop drama that starred David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser would go down easier with an estrogen-flipped casting of the scrappy and sexy **Emma Stone** and **Scarlett Johansson** in leather driving jackets. DO IT!

48 Hrs.

This Walter Hill-directed classic sees Eddie Murphy in his breakout role as a petty crook who hooks up with grizzled detective Nick Nolte to track down a ruthless drug dealer. As funny and caustic as Murphy was, imagine Pitch Perfect 2 star **Rebel Wilson** as the street-smart thug and Gone Girl's **Rosamund Pike** as an icy incarnation of the Nolte character. Wilson would bring the laughs and Pike would play straight-woman while giving her the stink eye.

Dragnet

The landmark TV show was originally a radio program, and later, a feature comedy film starring Tom Hanks and Dan Aykroyd. All incarnations featured blank-faced detective Joe Friday and his revolving door of partners solving crimes in L.A. For our money, we'd love to have Game of Thrones heavy **Lena Headey** star as humourless Jolene Friday and perhaps cast her against **Helena Bonham Carter** as her chain-smoking, hard-drinking partner.

Tango & Cash

Legendary and lunk-headed flick starring Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell as two wiseacre LAPD cops, framed by drug lords and sent to the slammer for life. Forget Sly and Kurt — wouldn't it be divine to see the two Grande Dames of contemporary cinema, **Helen Mirren** and **Meryl Streep**, as senior officers doing hard time in a women's prison while endlessly saying "FUBAR," instead?

Turner & Hooch

This was one of a handful of '80s flicks that featured an officer forced to share space with some class of canine. Tom Hanks' obsessive-compulsive detective teamed with a drooling dog with a nose for trouble. We'd gladly take the ever-watchable **Rose Byrne** as Turner and, in a brilliant bit of stunt casting, hook her up with **Kim Kardashian** in a fur coat as the uncouth Hooch. Whaddya think?

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Adult Beginners

Director: Ross Katz
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A young, hipster entrepreneur (Nick Kroll) crashes and burns on the eve of his company's big launch. With his entire life in disarray, he leaves Manhattan to move in with his estranged pregnant sister (Rose Byrne), brother-in-law (Bobby Cannavale) and three-year-old nephew in the suburbs — only to become their manny.

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DOCUMENTARY

Lambert and Stamp

Director: James D. Cooper
Starring: Christopher Stamp, Roger Daltrey

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Critics: 91% Audience: 74%

COMEDY

Hot Pursuit

Director: Anne Fletcher
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Sofia Vergara

In Hot Pursuit, an uptight and by-the-book cop (Reese Witherspoon) tries to protect the sexy and outgoing widow (Sofia Vergara) of a drug boss as they race through Texas, pursued by crooked cops and murderous gunmen.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 17% Audience: 91%

DRAMA

Far From The Madding Crowd

Director: Thomas Vinterberg
Starring: Carey Mulligan, Tom Sturridge

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, Far From The Madding Crowd is the story of beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 88% Audience: 91%

Sketch comedy's Kroll gets serious – sort of

NEW RELEASE

Adult Beginners lets comic take lead and show some emotion

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

He's made a name for himself on Kroll Show, Parks and Recreation and The League for off-the-wall, outlandish comedy characters, but Nick Kroll has something new in mind for Adult Beginners, a comedy — about a washed-up entrepreneur (Kroll) who crashes with his sister (Rose Byrne) after his life implodes — with a serious side.

The thing that seems to catch people off-guard with this movie is how dramatic it actually becomes.
When I started talking to Mark Duplass about it — and the way he comes at the projects he makes — it just felt like this could be a really grounded, real story. And then when we met with Liz Flahive and Jeff Cox, who wrote the script, who have a three-year-old son and also just gave birth to a kid literally right before we started production, there's just so much to work with.

I hope the movie's funny and I hope the movie's dramatic and works, but you didn't need to do a lot of legwork on either side to make it feel resonant. Our feeling was don't push either — let everything happen as realistically as it can, and the drama will be there and the comedy will be there.

Nick Kroll takes a shot at playing a big screen lead in the new dramedy Adult Beginners. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Does having a TV background help?
Liz, who has been working on Nurse Jackie for a long time and is now running it, I think, was also a playwright. And Jeff, her husband — he and his brother wrote Blades of Glory, so you knew that you were playing with both.

You knew that you had people who were really grounded and were also going to write funny stuff, funny details.

Doing a climactic scene waist-deep in water has got to be a challenge.
And no joke, the heater was not working. And it was eight degrees outside and snowing. It doesn't sound bad when you say it, but it was about 65, 70 degrees in the pool. Normally when you go swimming it's, like, 85 degrees in a pool. It helped the performances, since we're supposed to be afraid of the water.

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Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin in the new Netflix series Grace and Frankie. CONTRIBUTED

Jane and Lily: Drugs, dildos and divorce

COMEDY SERIES

Stars of Grace and Frankie burst onto Netflix

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Jane Fonda has taken peyote. The 77-year-old actress, activist and fitness guru isn't being shy about the practical experience she's brought to Grace and Frankie, the Netflix series she stars in alongside Lily Tomlin. "Among other things," she says matter-of-factly. "It makes me throw up, just like the show says. It's good to mix it with mushrooms."

Doing hallucinogens is one thing, but doing television? That's not something Fonda could have fathomed until a few years ago, when she signed on for Aaron Sorkin's The Newsroom on HBO.

"When I started in movies in the late '50s, early '60s, you never would do television. People who did television never made movies, and if you possibly could make movies, you never would do television," Fonda says. "It wasn't until about seven or eight years ago that I realized I really wanted to do television and I wanted to give a cultural face to an older woman. So when this came along, it was a dream come true."

It was also a chance to work with Nine to Five co-star and longtime pal Tomlin again, something that, at least according to Tomlin, has always been a priority.

"I'd always tell my agent, or my partner and I might be trying to develop something that has to do with older people," Tomlin says. "When my agent called me and told me, 'Are you really trying to do something with Jane?' I said, 'Yeah, sure. I'd like to.' And then he brought (Friends co-creator) Marta (Kauffman) to us and she gave us the notion of her idea, and after that we jumped in with both feet."

That idea, by the way, is a doozy. Grace (Fonda) and Frankie (Tomlin) are two very different women who've maintained a tenuous friendship because their husbands (Martin Sheen and Sam Waterston) are law partners. But when the husbands announce that they're both gay and are running off together, Grace and Frankie are left with each other to help pick up the pieces.

So how do two women go decades with the same men not realizing something is amiss? Tomlin explains, "Like I say in that speech on the beach, 'I suspected things, I thought something was up, but ...'" And then Fonda interrupts her: "When he asked you to use the dildo? It's called denial."

> **We jumped in with both feet**
> Lily Tomlin on getting to work with Jane Fonda again

But back to the peyote. Tomlin, for one, wants to assure everyone that while she and Fonda may have personal experience to draw on, they're no Method actresses.

"We had to kind of project into that experience," she says of the drugged-out beach scene in the first episode. "No matter how much experience we've had, it's not like we actually are eating peyote at that moment."

WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE

No doddering old ladies for Fonda and Tomlin

A big selling point for both stars, aside from getting to work together again, was the image the series projects of women of a certain age.

"We both get enough scripts to know that when you're an older woman you tend to be the butt of a joke," Fonda says.

Tomlin elaborates: "I always resented that. I didn't like that. If a woman didn't have autonomy, if she was somebody's grandmother and they made her into a doddering little old lady who just put up with stuff and kind of was vague, that just rubs me the wrong way — unless a very artful hand was on that depiction, and then I might have to look at it another way or something. But that usually doesn't happen."

Not exactly mom's recipe

Italian chef Massimo Bottura's restaurant is profiled in the new Netflix documentary series Chef's Table. Inspired by Bottura, Jessica Allen invented this pasta dish . NETFLIX ;JESSICA ALLEN

COOKING

Like Massimo Bottura, I tried a dish that defied tradition

THE TV DINNER
Jessica Allen

Every spring, the return of fresh produce is as dependable as celebrity-heavy superhero franchises steamrolling — preferably in CGI — into theatres. But last weekend, because I was more eager to see what the first greens of the season would be after such a long winter than figuring out who exactly Ultron is, I visited a farmers market instead of lining up for the latest Avengers. But I found only spring onions and green garlic.

I purchased a couple bunches of each from a man wearing an "I love Berlin" sweatshirt, whose long hair was held back by a pair of neon green sunglasses.

The same man suggested that I make a pesto out of the green garlic. I nodded enthusiastically, but on the inside I shuddered, imagining what my Italian friends would think. Yes, there are varieties of pesto. But one can never be too sure how Italians' adherence to culinary authenticity, which is both praiseworthy and paralyzing, will go over.

Take Italian chef Massimo Bottura, who dares to use traditional ingredients from Modena and completely reinterprets them. He and his three-Michelin-starred restaurant Osteria Francescana are profiled in the new six-part Netflix documentary series, Chef's Table.

But the accolades for Bottura's inventive brand of cooking weren't immediate.

Italy is a country where if you asked anyone "where you can find the greatest food in the country, the answer is usually mom," says food writer Faith Willinger in the inaugural episode.

"In the first years of the restaurant, you never found anyone from Modena in the dining room," she says. "It wasn't what mom did."

Inspired by Bottura's bravery, I decided to invent a pasta. Okay, basically I made cacio e pepe — the simplest and most satisfying of pastas: think cheese, pepper and starchy pasta water — to which I added those wispy greens that I'd charred on the barbecue and some crispy pancetta.

It's the kind of dish I'd love to share with my mom, who loves to sample anything I make out-of-the-ordinary from her comestible repertoire when I visit her in London, Ont.

Her version of spaghetti, which I don't often pine for, contains ground beef, green peppers, garlic powder and a jar of ready-made Ragú. I almost forgot the mushrooms. Canned mushrooms.

On second thought — and even though I can't tell you the last time I bought a green pepper — I'd happily indulge in a plate of her pasta if it meant sharing it with her. Sometimes it's not the bread, but who you break it with.

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Craft beers abound in Asheville

NORTH CAROLINA

Get your hop on at creative brew pubs in scenic region

Mike Dojc
For Metro

From the terrace of the Omni Grove Park Inn, patrons can drink in the same alfresco Blue Ridge mountain vistas that beguiled a stream of notable visitors over the past century, from inventor Thomas Edison and author F. Scott Fitzgerald to U.S. President Barack Obama.

In this Asheville, N.C., setting, it seems apropos to pair the soothing surroundings with an oatmeal porter from Highland, Asheville's first post-Prohibition brewery.

For a city of fewer than 100,000 people, in a region once known for illicit whiskey, Asheville is hopping with a veritable bounty of craft beers.

Twenty-one local breweries call the Western North Carolina mountain town home, and new operations are popping up all the time.

As Asheville's beer culture grows, even internationally known craft brewers, such as California's Sierra Nevada and Colorado's New Belgium, are getting in on the action.

It's hard to leave Asheville without gaining a profound passion for hops, tart saisons and winning and wild addi-

The Tasting Room at Highland brewery. HIGHLAND BREWING COMPANY

tives that run the gambit from lavender to jalapenos.

After sipping, slurping and knocking back flight after flight of draught on a four-day tour, here are some to try on your next Asheville beer-crawling adventure.

Thirsty Monk

Bar staff take imbibing religiously at the Monk's trio of Asheville brew pubs. Order a flight and they'll eagerly share their devotion, kindly jotting down aroma, appearance, and taste notes — a handy crib sheet even regulars appreciate, with taps constantly in flux.

"We never put the same keg on twice in a row. Every time a beer kicks we go put on something different. Last year we served 2,600 different beers," says Chall Gray, Thirsty Monk's vice-president of operations.

Knock one down: CocoNorm is a smooth, easy-to-drink porter made with Belgian yeast and toasted organic coconut.

Urban Orchard Cider

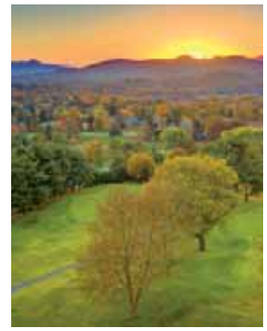
Using freshly pressed juice from orchards just down the highway in Hendersonville, this West Asheville cidery with a penchant for yeast experimentation uses a quartet of 300-gallon stainless steel fermentation tanks to crank out its artisanal hard ciders.

Knock one down: The Wit Cider is made with hand-crushed toasted coriander with orange juice and zest. "The only sweetness you'll taste is from the orange, the rest has been fermented out," explains Jeff Anderson, Urban Orchard's creative director. "You are left with a very crisp and refreshing cider, perfect for springtime — bone dry at 7.8 per cent."

Burial Beer

The taproom comes alive on Sundays for weekly jazz brunches where guests graze on New Orleans-inspired dishes and Wednesdays is hops + hoagies, featuring a cured green chorizo with spicy mayonnaise and green onions.

Knock one down: "We are constantly cranking out unique stuff," says Burial Beer co-owner Jessica Reiser. For example, the Garden of Earthly Delights Saison, a five per cent saison brewed with golden beets, hibiscus, aged cherries and local ginseng root.



The view from the Omni Grove Park Inn. CONTRIBUTED

Highland

A tribute to the Scots-Irish who first settled the area, the traditional styles of the British Isles influenced early Highland offerings. Over time, however, Asheville's first craft brewer has grown its flavour profile to include Belgian, German, and innovative American barrel-aged beers.

Knock one down: Cold Mountain, Highland's winter warmer goes on sale in mid-November. "It is not only a unique style, but also is a little bit different every year," explains Highland's founder Oscar Wong. "The beer contains two different base malts and seven specialty malts that do not change."

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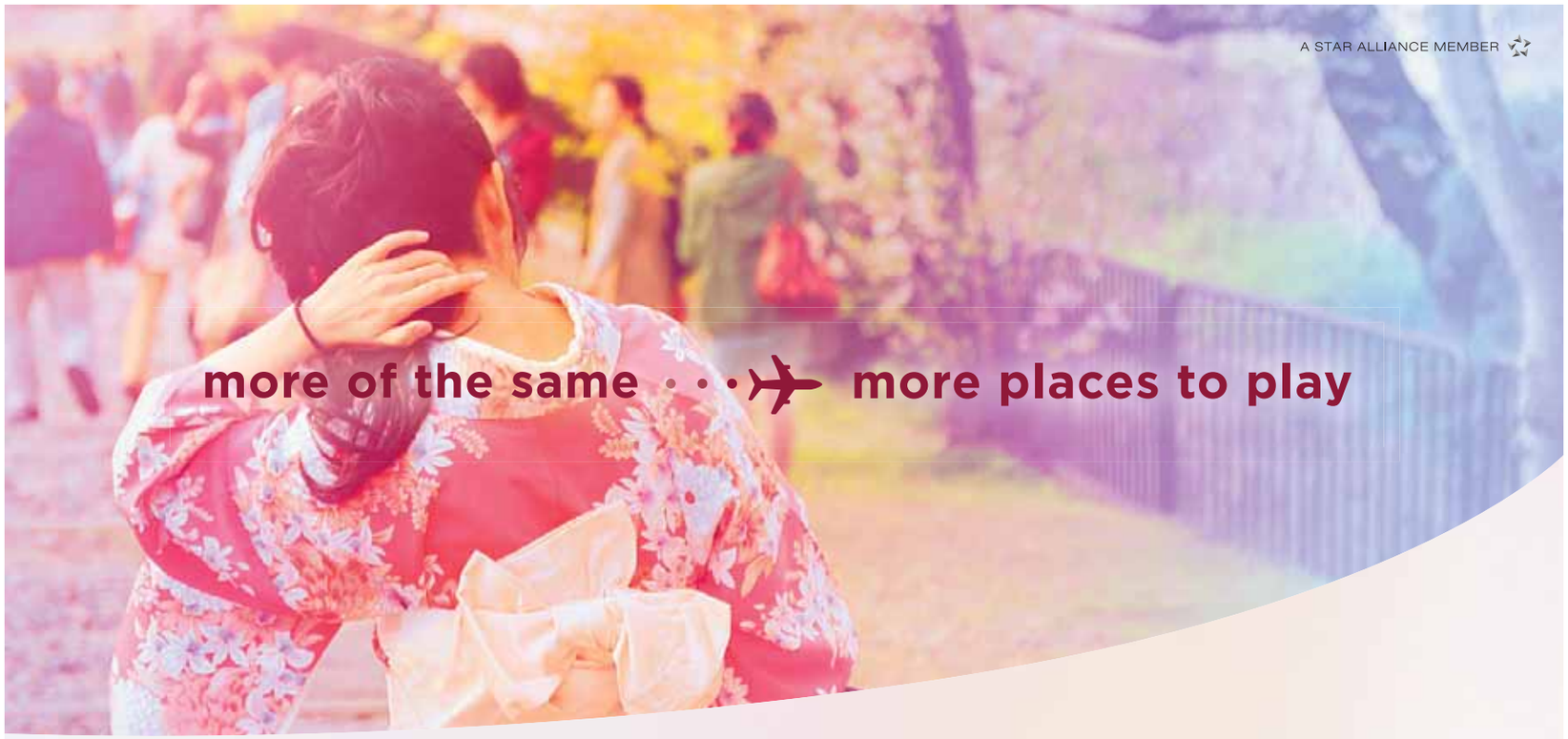

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Broadway-style shows climb aboard

DISNEY

Cruises ditch cheesy revues for stylish performances

Vawn Himmelsbach
For Metro

Entertainment on cruise ships is often associated with cheesy musical revues, bingo games and line dancing, but lately there's been a push to up the ante.

Disney Cruise Line, for example, has announced its newest stage show, Tangled: The Musical, which is being designed for an audience at sea. Slated to premiere Nov. 11 aboard the Disney Magic, this will be the first time the tale has been adapted for a stage production.

"Other cruise lines are doing Broadway-style shows, but ... we're creating original Broadway-style shows," said David Baldree, entertainment producer with Disney Cruise Line, during a sneak peek of the show at its rehearsal space in Toronto earlier this week.

Tangled: The Musical will premiere in November aboard the Disney Magic cruise ship, marking the first time the animated film has been adapted for the stage. DISNEY

Tangled: The Musical will feature three new songs created for the show by Academy Award-winning composer Alan Menken; costumes by Tony Award-winning designer Paloma Young; and a new breed of puppetry — for Maximus, the horse in Tangled — from master puppet designer Michael Curry, whose creations are best known from Disney's The Lion's King on Broadway.

"Because Disney has all these properties, we can create something from the ground up, which is a huge undertaking — workshops in L.A. and New York and casting in Chicago and London," said Gordon Greenberg, the show's director. "It's a massive operation and, in the end, the payoff is you get something wholly original that you can't see anywhere else."

Developing a show for a cruise ship, as opposed to Broadway or London's West End, provides more creative licence, he added.

"The biggest difference for me is we have these amazing hydraulics for which I'd have to lobby really long and hard (for) on land," said Greenberg. "It's a great playground."

Aside from fireworks at sea, deck parties and first-run feature films, Disney is also bringing Frozen to all four ships this summer, which will include a new production number in Disney Dreams. And in 2016, it will launch Star Wars Day at Sea, which will include meet-and-greets with Star Wars characters and a Jedi training camp.

SHOWS AT SEA

On ships' schedules

• Royal Caribbean is inviting New York aboard with its Broadway at Sea program of Tony Award-winning shows, from Cats to Chicago The Musical, Saturday Night Fever and Mamma Mia!

• Norwegian Cruise Line is staging Broadway hits Burn The Floor and Priscilla Queen of the Desert (coming in October), as well as a British pop-music entertainment experience called The Cavern Club, which imitates the Liverpool venue where the Beatles performed.

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VACATION

Wildlife, amazing vistas star in road trip across Canada

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

Relatively cheap gas prices at the pumps and a weak Canadian dollar make a road trip in Canada this summer's go-to vacation. From Trinity to Tofino, here are a few choice routes.

The drive from **Banff to Jasper** through two of Alberta's national parks along the stunning Icefields Parkway might be the best drive in the country. It offers an incredible mix of Rocky Mountain scenery and wildlife. On a recent trip I saw big horned sheep, more elk than anyone could count and a grizzly bear. Avoid the overwhelming urge to get out of the car to take a photo. It's a bad idea, these animals are wild. Favourite stops include the Peyto Lake overlook, lunch at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise and an excursion up onto the Athabasca Glacier aboard a Brewster Ice Explorer

Nova Scotia's **Cabot Trail** is a personal favourite. It offers stunning scenery,

The Cabot Trail. FLICKR: ANDREA SCHAFFER

wildlife viewing (whales and moose) and the opportunity to touch the distinct Acadian and Scottish cultures that colour the history of the province. End your day with a fresh seafood meal and kick your heels up at a traditional Celtic party, known as a ceilidh.

Route 132 in Quebec's Gaspé region offers a scenic shore-hugging drive through silver-steepled villages surrounded by mountains and serenaded by the sea. The route forms a loop of about 900 kilometres. As the seaway widens into the gulf, try some ferry-hopping to explore both coasts of the St. Lawrence River. Take a break from the car and hop aboard a zodiac for some of the country's best whale watching.

The world-renowned **Sea-to-Sky** highway from Vancouver to Whistler is a great start to a breathtaking British Columbia road trip. The trick is to keep going past Whistler on Highway 99 until you reach Ashcroft and then hook onto the Trans-Canada Highway back to Vancouver. This loop will take you past incredible river gorges and through the only desert in Canada. At the end of your trip, take a short diversion to Harrison Hot Spring for a soak in a natural hot spring.

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Whitecaps get Laba back from suspension

MLS

Midfielder expresses need to be more disciplined

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Whitecaps will have midfielder Matias Laba available for Saturday's home game against the Philadelphia Union at BC Place Stadium. He's back from a one-game suspension.

Two weeks ago, the 23-year-old Argentinean was given two yellow cards eight minutes apart — one for a hand ball that seemed like a harsh decision from referee David Gantar, and the other for an unnecessary tackle — and ejected from the match, forcing the Whitecaps to play with 10 men for the entire second half and Laba out of the lineup last weekend in Portland.

"I'm delighted we've got him back as an option because he's a top player and he's arguably one of our best players this year," said head coach Carl Robinson on Thursday.

Earlier in the week, Laba, one of Vancouver's designated players and a force in the midfield, expressed that he can be better when it comes to discipline.

The yellow for a hand ball may have been over the top. The second, he put himself in a position for the referee to make a call and a stiff penalty was handed out.

"Sometimes, unfortunate circumstances are taken out of your hands. Referees are there to do their very best and if you give them an inch, they take a yard. That's what I was told," said Robinson.

90

Laba has played the full 90 minutes in six of the nine games he has appeared in this season

"You respect them because they're in a very tough line of work. They make mistakes like everyone else. Players make mistakes, managers make mistakes, journalists make mistakes. And you try not to put yourself in a predicament.

"He knows that he doesn't want to do that again. I don't want him to do that again."

The Whitecaps are 2-2-1 at home. The Union are 1-6-3 on the season.

Whitecaps midfielder Matias Laba, right, chats with head coach Carl Robinson, left, during training at BC Place Stadium on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

WHL

Giants' top pick gets congrats from pros

Early Thursday morning, Tyler Popowich checked Twitter. There they were, tweets of congratulations from NHL players and former Vancouver Giants Brendan Gallagher and Milan Lucic.

"Welcome to the @WHLGiants family @Popowich13," wrote Gallagher, now a vivacious forward for the Montreal Canadiens, while Lucic has gone on to win a Stanley Cup in Boston.

Earlier in the morning, the Giants selected Popowich, a towering six-foot-four-inch centre from Surrey who currently plays for the Okanagan Hockey Academy, with the third overall pick in the WHL Bantam Draft.

"My phone's kind of been blowing up a little bit," said Popowich.

"Brendan Gallagher and Milan Lucic tweeted me. That was kind of cool ... it's great."

In selecting Popowich, the Giants made good on their desire to land a player with size in the opening round of the draft.

His physical attributes are the most noticeable asset. But he also touts his vision for the game as one of his best strengths. In 47 games this past season, he scored 25 goals and 57 points.

"I feel like I see the ice pretty well. I'm able to find open guys," he said.

"Tyler is a big centre with tons of upside," said Giants general manager Scott Bonner in a statement. "He competes, scores and makes plays." CAM TUCKER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Search for team at fore after Seattle clears environmental review

The hopes of bringing the NBA back to Seattle and adding an NHL team passed a significant milestone Thursday when a final environmental impact statement found no major issues to block a projected new multipurpose arena in Seattle's stadium district.

But the toughest challenge might still be ahead for arena investor Chris Hansen and his partners: Rewriting the original language on the arena proposal for hockey to become the first tenant of a new building. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Butler named NBA's most-improved player

Jimmy Butler of the Chicago Bulls was named the NBA's most-improved player on Thursday after making his first all-star team and averaging a career high in scoring.

The 25-year-old received 92 of 129 first-place votes and 535 total points from a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. In his fourth season, the 6-7 guard went from averaging 13.1 to 20 points.

The Bulls are tied 1-1 with Cleveland in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Game 3 is Friday at Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A-Rod passes Willie Mays with home run No. 661

Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career home run list, connecting for No. 661 Thursday night and helping the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3.

A-Rod hit a liner off Chris Tillman into a secure area just to the left of Monument Park in centre field of Yankee Stadium in the third inning to give New York a 3-2 lead.

Next up for Rodriguez: Babe Ruth at 714 home runs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs suddenly don't look too shabby in Tampa Bay

NHL PLAYOFFS

Big win over Lightning gives Canadiens hope heading home

Max Pacioretty bear hugs Andrei Markov after the Canadiens defenceman's goal 2:44 into the first period of Thursday night's game against the Lightning. The Canadiens avoided a sweep in the second round with a resounding 6-2 victory.
MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

If there's such thing as hockey amnesia, the Montreal Canadiens discovered it.

Less than 24 hours after losing with 1.1 seconds left to fall behind three games to none, the Canadiens skated the Tampa Bay Lightning out of Amalie Arena Thursday night with a 6-2 statement victory to stave off elimination.

"We forgot about last night, last night," said Montreal forward Brandon Prust. "We did a good job of moving on."

The series shifts back to Bell Centre for Game 5 Saturday night.

So much of the Habs' struggles against the Lightning appeared mental after losing all five regular-season meetings and then the first three of their second-round playoff series. Compound that with the devastating buzzer beater from Tyler Johnson in Game 3 and a quick turnaround, the task was even more daunting.

Instead, Montreal came out flying to end the drought against Tampa Bay at eight games. The Habs avoided becoming the first team in NHL history to get swept by the same team they swept the season before.

Max Pacioretty led the way with a goal and two assists as the Habs chased Tampa Bay starter Ben Bishop, who allowed three on 14 shots. Carey Price shut the door at the other end to extend Michel Therrien's streak of never being swept as an NHL coach.

"There was no difference," Pacioretty said about Thursday's effort. "We were desperate."

Andrei Markov, David Desharnais, Jeff Petry, Brendan Gallagher and Prust also scored on a breakout night for Montreal, which scored a total of four goals through the first three games of the series.

Nikita Kucherov and Ondrej Palat scored power-play goals for the Lightning, who couldn't get their act together with the chance to advance to the Eastern Conference final. Steven Stamkos was held without a shot on goal for the second straight game.

The morning after a stunning, last-second victory to take a stranglehold on the series, Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper and his players almost sounded like they had lost. The Habs dominated Wednesday night, so much that the Lightning felt they stole one.

Maybe Montreal controlling the play propelled their confidence for Game 4. Facing a deficit only four NHL teams have overcome, the Habs exuded a quiet confidence not about the big picture, but just about one night and what could happen if they could continue to create scoring chances.

"We're alive," said P.K. Subban. "We're going back to Montreal."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAME 4 In Tampa

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IN ST. PAUL

Blackhawks sweep Wild

The Chicago Blackhawks advanced to the Western Conference final after sweeping the Minnesota Wild in their second-round series.

Chicago completed the four-game sweep Thursday night with a 4-3 win.

Brent Seabrook, Andrew Shaw, Patrick Kane and Marian Hossa scored for the Blackhawks, who will next take on either the Anaheim Ducks or Calgary Flames.

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Re: The estate of HUGH HARVEY, deceased, formerly of 2143 West 46th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 2L2, who died on February 6, 1930.

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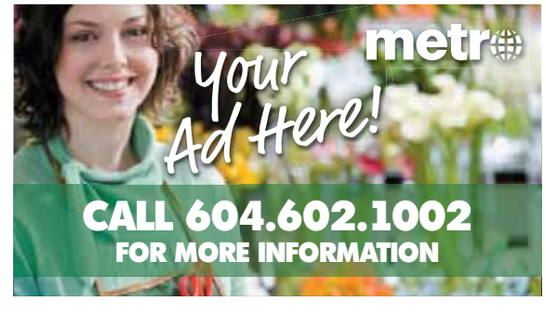

RECIPE Miniature Hoisin Garlic Burgers

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serving size: 5

Ingredients
- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- ¼ cup dry bread crumbs
- ¼ cup chopped green onion
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 4 Tbsp hoisin sauce, divided
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp water
- 1 tsp sesame oil

Directions

1. Heat the barbecue to high and spray with cooking oil, or preheat the oven to 450°F.

2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, green onion, cilantro or parsley, 2 Tbsp of the hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger and egg in a bowl. Mix thoroughly and form into 10 mini burgers.

3. Whisk the water, remaining 2 Tbsp hoisin sauce and sesame oil together in a small bowl.

4. Brush half of the sauce over the burgers.

5. Barbecue, or place on a rack on a baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes (until no longer pink in the centre). Turn the patties once, halfway through, and brush with the remaining sauce. Serve on mini hamburger buns, if desired, and garnish with sautéed onions.

Nutrition per serving (2 mini burgers)
- Calories 264
- Protein 30g
- Carbohydrates 15 g
- Fibre 2.4 g
- Total fat 7 g

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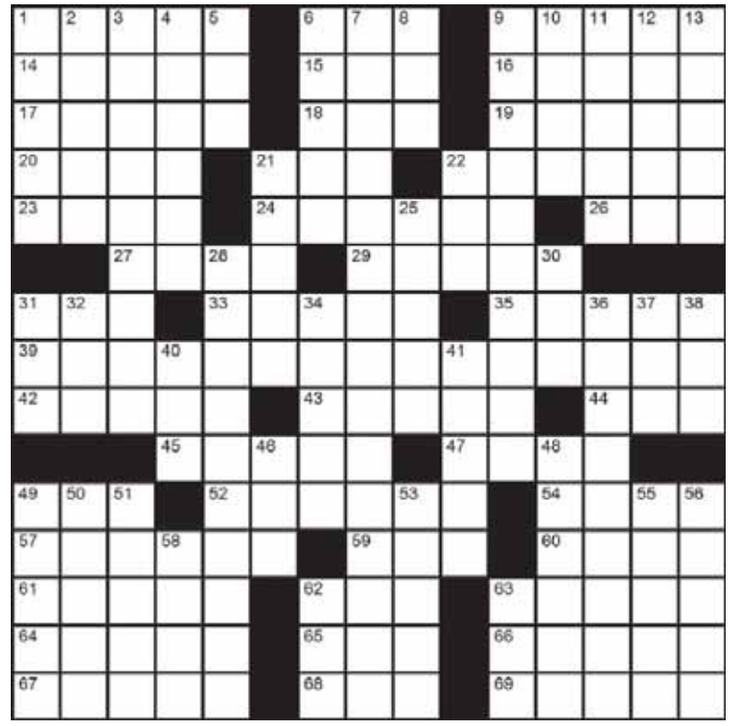
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "Dancing with the Stars" dance
6. Brand symbols, e.g.
9. Flavour
14. "Easy Livin'" by _ Heep
15. Diving bird
16. Happen again
17. Ancient Scots
18. Edward Snowden related org.
19. Field
20. Uncommon
21. Knowledgeable letters
22. Tea party offerings
23. Buffalo type
24. Surname of Jessica Simpson's first husband
26. Earlier, olde-style
27. Chop _
29. "Mad Men" star Jon, and surnamesakes
31. Li'l life story
33. _ carpeting
35. Zing
39. Wild Roses in Alberta: 2 wds.
42. _ Spruce (Tree in British Columbia)
43. Talent or style
44. Convent dweller
45. Gluck opera: _ ed Euridice
47. "_ Flux" (2005)
49. 'Senor' suffix
52. Chanel No. 5 = Eau de _
54. Pre-stereo
57. _-_ _ _ (Franken-free food label)
59. Some radio stations, e.g.
60. Barenaked Ladies song
61. Dugout boat
62. Battery size
63. Upper crust
64. In the Skin of _ _ (Novel by Canadian author Michael Ondaatje)
65. Crash Test Dummies song, when repeated
66. Montreal subway
67. Snoozed
68. Anne Shirley's prov.
69. Canadian player for the St. Louis Blues, of Calgary
11. Vista
12. Guitar gadget
13. Obliterate
21. "The _ _ _" (1989) starring Eric Stoltz
22. School yr. part
25. _ _ dozen (Bakery order)
28. Ontario: The Niagara _
30. Scatter seed
31. "10" (1979) star Ms. Derek's
32. "_ _ Fell" by The Beatles
34. Canadian journalist Morley
36. _ Heritage Village (Tourist attraction in Steinbach, Manitoba)
37. 'Dear' lady of a Beatles song, briefly
38. QVC rival in The States
40. Dixie Cups song, when doubled
41. Mr. Neeson's
46. _ _ _ Schwarz (New York City toy store)
48. Morning meal
49. Andes people, once
50. _ _ intents and purposes
51. Ms. Lennox
53. Savoury 'fifth taste'
55. Saltpetre
56. Ancient theatre
58. Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyles website, _.com
62. Roadie's haul
63. Bad _ (German spa resort)

DOWN
1. Prefix meaning 'Above'
2. 'Parliament' suffix
3. Huge techie corporation
4. Boat, in Boucherville
5. Sneeze starters...
6. Ms. Tucker of country
7. Alanis Morissette is its 2015 Canadian inductee: 4 wds.
8. Music style
9. Toronto-born host of "Cityline": 2 wds.
10. _ Space Museum
Alexander _

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will need to be on your guard today as someone you work or do business with seems to think you can be easily misled. Check everything you are told, even if it sounds true.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Make the most of Mars in your sign to get things done and let the people you live and work with know that you won't be pushed around. You don't have to be aggressive about it but you do have to protect your interests.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It might be a good idea to take it easy for the next few days, or what passes for easy in the Gemini universe. When Mars moves into your sign early next week there will be no holding you back.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There seems to be quite a bit of tension in the air at the moment and if you are involved in matters of a joint nature it will pay you to tone down your views and opinions a bit.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What you want to do and what you have to do are likely to be two entirely different things today. But don't let that depress you because you can still enjoy yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Chances are you will be forced to stay where you are today, even though you would much rather be on the move. That might sound like bad news but the planets indicate it could be a blessing in disguise. Stay home and keep a low profile.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It will pay you to keep your opinions to yourself today, especially on the work front where your know-it-all attitude is unlikely to go down too well. The best way to fall out with powerful people is to make them look stupid.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A friend or work colleague will say something you disagree with today but if you are smart you will bite your tongue and pass up the chance to make an issue of it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Make sure that everything you do has a purpose today. Despite what you may think to the contrary you do not possess unlimited energy, so ration it carefully, especially on the workfront.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Say what you have to say as plainly as possible, so there can be no misunderstandings. That is not, however, an excuse to be rude and does not have to be a martial art!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You of all people should know that personal feelings should never be allowed to interfere with the facts, and the fact of the matter now is that the person who is giving you so much grief is more foolish than malicious. Don't be too hard on them.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Why are you worrying so much? Whatever the reason you need to get over it because there is so much you could be doing with your life now. And remember, even negative events can have positive results.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Flights + 5 Nights 4-Star + Theme Park Tickets
from **$565◊**
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Chichen Itza Tour	from $105
Bonus credits used	**$164**

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from **$189** pp
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3 Nights — from $95◊pp
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Spring Into Summer

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